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# DR Demands Legislation to Curb Inflation Threat

## Our Daily Bread

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ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Labor Day 1942  
Camden Gets Housing

This Labor Day 1942 is short on the traditional holiday observance in the big cities but patriotic zeal and hard work emphasize more than any holiday possibly could the stake that free labor has in this war we are fighting against the slave labor of the Axis.

## Labor Day Finds Workers Sticking to Wartime Jobs

By The Associated Press

America celebrated its first Labor Day of the war today (Monday) with a series of contradictions.

Workers by the thousands eschewed their holiday to stick to their tools. Yet a great outpouring of crowds was noticeable in many cities, especially the nation's two largest, New York and Chicago, in which war industries are heavily concentrated.

Many in the throngs were city folk staying in the city's assembly plant and gasoline day.

Visitors were told that travel from 50 to 75 per cent above last Labor Day.

Unlike Labor Days of peacetime tradition, today saw the parades of working men cut to the bone.

Unlike other Labor Days, too, America's loss of life in motoring mishaps seemed to be for an especially low figure. This may have been because of the thousands who forsook the week-end excursion to work on the machines or to save tires and gasoline.

A compilation by the Associated Press, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, showed that violent deaths attributed to the holiday celebration totaled 177, compared with the 826 listed in the Associated Press survey of the entire Labor Day week-end last year.

The holiday throng in New York was so heavy it flooded the sidewalks of Broadway and ran off into the streets. Midtown restaurants were so jammed that some fear of a temporary food shortage existed. Theater goers looked like log jams and visitors waited an hour to get abroad Fifth avenue buses.

In Chicago, crowds in some parts of the loop found it easier to walk in the streets. The Army's war show drew 175,580 spectators to Soldier Field Saturday night and Sunday night. Police estimated some 50,000 others were turned away. Chicago's huge service center attracted 99,400 military men and women Saturday and Sunday.

In the face of a National Safety Council prediction that traffic accidents in the nation would kill 400 persons and permanently disable 1,500 over the three day weekend, the Associated Press survey showed only 113 deaths on the highway and 113 deaths on the highway by 10 a.m. (CWT) today's slight death toll in last year's Associated Press compilation was 423.

## 3 Jap Planes Shot Down

Washington, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that American fighter planes in the Solomon Islands shot down two enemy bombers and one enemy fighter last Saturday when the Japanese attacked American positions on Guadalcanal and succeeded in inflicting "minor damage."

South Pacific:

1. Shortly after noon on September 5 (east longitude date) 26 Japanese bombers, escorted by 20 Zero fighters, attacked our positions at Guadalcanal and inflicted minor damage. Our fighters intercepted the attack and shot down two enemy bombers and one fighter.

The attack was the latest in a long series of Japanese air raids against the American hold Guadalcanal, Tulagi area and the enemy's losses in this case raised to at least 122 the total plane losses he has suffered there since the Marine-Navy invasion of the area started a month ago today.

The Navy gave no details of the latest air attack other than those contained in the communique.

A jeweler in Syracuse, N. Y., collected more than 10,000 old coins from his customers and turned them in to the scrap metal

## Willkie Ends Business in the Middle East

Cairo, Egypt, Sept. 7.—Wendell Willkie, traveling salesman of the United Nations cause in the Middle East, concluded a five-day visit to Egypt shortly after 7 a.m. today.

He left from a nearby airfield on the second leg of his trip, intending to go to Russia. He expected to make stops en route to Palestine and elsewhere. His schedule was understood to be subject to change.

While in Egypt, Willkie visited the desert front and talked with U. S. tankmen, airmen and soldiers who had engaged in the recent fighting.

Willkie was expected to arrive in Turkey today.

## 11 States to Hold Elections

By HAROLD OLIVER

Washington, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Nominees for seven Senate, 55 House, and eight governors' seats will be chosen this week at primaries and conventions in 11 states, with greatest interest centered on the races in Washington and Connecticut, and a governorship scrap in Georgia.

Biggest of the week will be in primaries in Maryland, and Vermont final election for territorial office.

Anthony J. Di-legate to Congress, who is unopposed.

Georgia's primary comes Wednesday. Delaware and Connecticut Republicans race to the same day in state conventions. On Saturday New Mexico will hold a primary and Connecticut Republicans will conduct district conventions.

Nominees already have been selected to run in November for 25 of the 34 Senate places to be filled and 322 of the 435 House seats.

So far, three sitting senators—all Democrats—have failed to win renomination—Bulow, S. D.; fourth, Dorey, Miss., faces a runoff Sept. 15 after trailing in an Aug. 25 primary. Dorey's opponent, a Republican house incumbent, also has failed of renomination, while four House Democrats have lost out trying for senatorial nominations and two have won.

One of the Minnesota Republican primary, Senator Joseph H. Ball, former newspaperman appointed to a senate vacancy in October, 1940, is seeking renomination in a contest in which isolationism has figured.

K. Mitchell, a publisher and former secretary to Senator Shipstead (R-Minn.), and Shipstead himself, told the voters that Ball had voted against the sentiment of 80 per cent of the people of the state by supporting the administration's foreign policies before Pearl Harbor.

Minnesotians also are excited over the Republican contest for lieutenant governor in view of a possibility of the winner becoming governor next April. Republican Governor Harold E. Stassen, also up for renomination, has announced that if rejected he would resign after the legislature adjourns next spring to take up active duty as a lieutenant commander in the Navy. Hence, eight months have been wasted by error, including the 30-year-old incumbent, C. Elmer Anderson.

Stassen, who is backing Ed Thye, (former deputy state commissioner of agriculture, is opposed himself by John Alexander, former congressman and Martin A. Nelson.

There are no Democratic primary contests in Minnesota, out of power since 1938, is attempting a

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## Reds Hurl Nazis Back Northwest of Stalingrad

—Europe

By JAMES M. LONG

Associated Press War Editor

Red Army was reported hurling the Germans back northwest of Stalingrad and beating off two strong assaults southwest of the Volga stronghold which the Nazis boasted would be theirs by today, while in Egypt the confident push which Marshal Rommel launched last Monday with the promise, "We'll be in Cairo next week, boys," was rolled back to its starting point.

Held to a standstill through three days of terrific fighting, the Germans were trying desperately to crack the last Russian defenses of Stalingrad. Moscow dispatches pictured the Russian army as trading blow for blow with the Germans since the defenders could retreat no further and save the steel town on the west bank of the Volga.

The Berlin radio—the same that boasted last Saturday that the fall of Stalingrad could be expected within 48 hours—broadcast a dispatch from Stockholm that street fighting was in progress in the city with the Russians defending it house by house.

The Russian communique, however, declared that "northwest of Stalingrad fierce fighting continues. Our units attacked the enemy and improved their position."

This was the second time in 12 hours that the Russians reported gains in that sector.

Southwest of Stalingrad German tanks pierced the Russian defense but ran into mortar and machine-gun fire and a swift flank attack which sent them reeling back, the Russians said. A second Nazi onslaught also was reported repulsed.

Hitler's high command advanced a cautiously worded claim of further gains at Stalingrad—but gave no details as to their location or extent.

The German communique was devoted largely to a repetition of last night's Berlin claim of the capture of Novorossisk, Black Sea naval base where the Reds in 1917 scuttled their warships rather than surrender them to German hands.

The Russian said spurs of the Red fleet had joined in the defensive fight on heights around Novorossisk, but did not specify whether the invaders had gained command of the harbor.

The German communique said renewed Russian diversionary attacks northwest of the Stalingrad front had been repulsed. No details were given, however, nor did the communique give any additional information on the progress of the drive along the Rostov-Baku rail and pipeline to the region of Mordok, 55 miles from Grozny.

Russian accounts said the Germans were maintaining strong pressure down the narrow wedge driven along the Rostov-Baku rail and pipeline to the region of Mordok, 55 miles from Grozny.

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## New Bomber

—Air Corps photo

Staff Sergeant Edward C. Spillars of Hope was graduated Sunday, September 6, from Lubbock field, Texas, as a bomber pilot. Spillars was in the largest class ever to be graduated from the seven Advanced Training schools of the Gulf Coast Army Air Forces Training Center, and he was one of 13 Arkansas pilots. The men learned the ABC's of military aviation in three weeks of pre-flight instruction, and then flew nine weeks each at primary, basic and advanced schools.



## Japs Fail to Win Natives

Washington, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The Office of War Information reported today that a Japanese campaign to win the allegiance of French Indo China natives had failed and that "an anti-Japanese spirit is common among the people."

For a short time after the Japanese troops arrived, O.W.I. said, there were indications that the newcomers were not unwelcome to the native population. The Japanese made overtures to the Annamese circles with separatist tendencies and played up to the natives by paying double rickshaw fares and distributing free cigarettes.

The natives' first impression of the Japanese was "nullified as additional troops arrived," O.W.I. said. "Large numbers of natives have been subjected to partial conscription to one way or another. The Japanese military police have been working the work asked by French contractors. Train loads of natives have been moved from the north to the south without any consideration for the natives' needs, and a number of natives have been killed by the Japanese."

At one occasion at Hai-Phong, the Japanese authorities, unable to get more than a half trainload of volunteer labor, sent out a military band to play popular airs. Soon a crowd of listeners gathered around the band. Japanese troops formed a cordon around the crowd, and allowed the natives out one by one. Those who could not prove they were regularly employed were marched off under guard to the train. A high French official stopped the train before it reached Hanoi, and after a lengthy argument the Japanese took the train back to Hai-Phong and released the prisoners.

The OWI did not disclose the source of its information.

## Immediate Axis Threat to Egypt Definitely Halted

—Africa

By the Associated Press

Reports from the Egyptian desert indicated that Rommel's immediate threat to the rich valley of the Nile and the road to Suez appeared dissipated, at least for the moment.

After a week of renewed desert war in which Rommel surged forward and then was rolled back by hard Allied land and air blows, there seemed little question that the German commander had attempted a full-strength offensive in the hope of crushing the British Eighth Army augmented by U. S. Army tank and air forces.

Allied command described Rommel's maneuver as a "reconnaissance in force." The fliers said they attacked concentrations of Axis motor vehicles thousands strong, and left the sun-seared wasteland strewn with wrecked tanks and transport vehicles.

Observers at Cairo said these losses had sapped Rommel's striking power so that he would have to reorganize all over again before another thrust in force.

A British communique said that throughout yesterday's fighting, the forces continued to harass withdrawing enemy forces. Air activity continued, but there was no word of large scale fighting.

Reuters reported in a dispatch from Cairo that German prisoners said Maj. Gen. Georg von Bismarck, commander of Rommel's 1st armored division, and a distant kinsman of Count Otto von Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor who policed the German states into the first empire, had been killed in battle.

British naval headquarters at Alexandria announced the recent sinking of seven Axis ships and damaging of five others by British submarines in a heavy toll on the Mediterranean sea lanes which link Rome with his supplies and reinforcements.

The Italians said they sank one submarine recently, and the German high command, again failing to specify the period covered by its claim, reported 17 Allied merchantmen totaling 108,000 tons sunk by U-boats off the east coast of America, in the Atlantic sea lanes, and off the west coast of Africa.

## October 1 Set As Deadline by Roosevelt

—Washington

Washington, Sept. 7.—(P)—President Roosevelt demanded today that Congress legislate by October 1 to stabilize the cost of living, including farm prices, with a blunt warning that otherwise he would invoke drastic war powers to act himself.

The president's long-awaited message on the inflation problem, recalled the seven-point program he presented April 27 to curb rising prices and reproached Congress for inactivity on the two points in its field — "an adequate tax program and a law permitting the fixing of price ceilings on farm products of party prices."

The other points of the program which did not require congressional action he reported were being carried out by executive action. He implied a threat to extend his executive action to cover the whole program unless Congress acted with the forthright declaration:

"In the event that the Congress should fail to act, and act adequately, I shall accept the responsibility, and I will act."

The president said he had given promulgation of any executive order to effectuate the program pending the response of Congress. He promised, however, that as soon as farm prices are stabilized, "wages and salaries will be stabilized also. This I will do."

The president set October 1 as the deadline for Congress to act because he said "we can not hold the actual cost of food and clothing down to approximately the present level beyond Oct. 1" without some legislation or executive order.

Bluntly, Mr. Roosevelt told the legislators in a special message that unless they acted he would accept the responsibility to act himself and "take measures necessary to avert a disaster which would interfere with the winning of the war."

"Inaction on your part," the president said, "will leave me with an inescapable responsibility to the people of this country to see to it that the war effort is no longer imperiled by threat of economic chaos."

Mr. Roosevelt pictured farm prices as a key to the inflation riddle. He said the nation should be to hold them at parity or at level of a recent date, whichever is higher.

Explaining why he wanted Congress to pass an anti-inflation act by October 1, the president said that "an act of this nature, at approximately the present level beyond October 1" and no one could give any assurances that living costs could be held down after that date.

What he needed, he said, is "an over-all stabilization of prices, salaries, wages and profits."

"That is necessary to the continued production of planes and tanks and ships and guns at the present cost of production," Mr. Roosevelt said.

In contrast to widespread predictions, the president provided no administrative formula for controlling the anti-inflation campaign, or leave it to him to work out later.

The president said he had given "thoughtful consideration" to meeting the inflation problem without further reference to Congress but that he had decided to consult the legislators on the matter.

But he emphasized that he had ample powers to act on his own initiative if he chose to do so. And he added that he could not tell what powers might have to be exercised in order to win the war.

He gave this assurance, however:

"The American people can be sure that I will use my powers with a full sense of my responsibility to the constitution and to my country. The American people can also be sure that I shall not hesitate to use every power vested in me to accomplish the defeat of our enemies in any part of the world where our own safety demands such defeat."

"When the war is won, the powers under which I act automatically revert to the people — to whom they belong."

At the outset of his message, Mr. Roosevelt recited the seven-point program against inflation which he presented to Congress and the country last April 27. He pointed out that action was necessary in all seven categories but that two points — required legislation. "I regret to have to call to your

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## U. S., Cuba Sign Agreement

Washington, Sept. 7.—(P)—Cuba and the United States signed today a military and naval agreement co-ordinating special measures which have been taken by the two countries since the beginning of the war.

Details were withheld for reasons of military security. A state department announcement explained that it "nullifies the respective responsibilities of the armed forces of the two countries in the zone affected and provides for co-ordination of their efforts and complete cooperation on the basis of reciprocity."

It was further explained that the agreement would facilitate, for the duration of the war, new measures of military and naval security by the respective armed forces as necessity arises and without the need for individual negotiations in each case.

The agreement was signed in Havana by United States Ambassador Spruille Braden and the Cuban minister of state. Cuba is one of the 12 American republics now at war with the Axis.

## Scout Review Board Meets Monday Night

There will be a meeting of the Board of Review of the Boy Scouts at the Chamber of Commerce of Monday night, beginning at 7:30. All scouts who wish to qualify for merit badges or other prizes are required to attend this meeting in person. R. P. Bowen, chairman announced.

## Courage of U. S. Navy Flier in Solomons Saves His Life

By TOM YARBROUGH

ABOARD A U.S. Warship in the Solomon Islands area, Aug. 28—(Delayed)—(P)—Here's what happened to one navy flier the day the Navy and Marines started knocking the Japanese out of the Solomon Islands and how he saved his skin with remarkable courage, physical strength and endurance.

He is Ensign Gordon Firebaugh, 31, of Valparaiso, Ind., who has been flying 11 years and has 3,000 hours of flying to his credit. Incidentally, he is a pretty fair swimmer.

Gingerly nursing a burned left leg as he slouched on the wardroom divan, Firebaugh was telling his story in an hour after this correspondent arrived on the ship by air. Firebaugh's adventure is regarded by other officers as among the most exciting yet experienced by a flier.

Leading a flight of carrier-based fighters against 33 Japanese bombers the afternoon of August 8, he was surprised by a flock of Japanese Zero planes, bailed out by his flaming cockpit, swam for six hours after his life preserver sprang a leak, and lived on lonely islands until a Navy plane rescued him 11 days later.

Firebaugh's wife and 8-year-old daughter live in San Diego, Calif. His mother lives in Valparaiso.

Here's his story:

"I was leading a flight of planes when they told us 40 Japanese bombers had passed over Guadalcanal Island. We flew about 50 miles and caught up with them but there were only 33, so somebody must have knocked off seven before we got there."

"We were just getting ready to go in on them when a flock of Zeros lurking on the other side whipped under them and up at us. We didn't get a crack at the bombers but sure let those Zeros have it."

"I saw tracer bullets going past me. One bullet nicked me here on the forehead (pointing to a tiny crease) and knocked my goggles off. Fire broke out in the cockpit and I tried to bail out but the radio cord caught me and set me

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## Says Doctrine Is Dangerous

Washington, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) challenged as revolutionary and dangerous today the doctrine he said was laid down in President Roosevelt's oft-living message that the president in time of war could abrogate laws passed by Congress.

Mr. Roosevelt demanded that Congress act before October 1 to grant him specific legislative authority to stabilize living costs, including farm prices, adding that if the legislators failed to do this he would assume the responsibility of acting himself.

Immediately after the reading of the message, Taft said this implied that the president believed he had wartime authority to set aside provisions of the price control act and to fix wages without specific legislative authority.

"This is in fact an assertion that the laws of this country in time of war can be made by the president by executive order," Taft declared.

He added that it implied a doctrine "so revolutionary and so dangerous to the country" that he felt impelled to speak out against it at once.

Taft said there had been reports, in which he placed no credence that attempts would be made to abolish congressional elections. He contended that if the doctrine he read into the message were carried into its ultimate length, Congress might still be elected but might have nothing to do.

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## Only Two Week-End Facilities in State

Little Rock, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Labor day week-end fatality reports showed only two violent deaths in Arkansas, neither of them from highway traffic.

Walter James Horton, 33, was shot to death at Fort Smith. A man listed as Leslie Scott surrendered to police.

The mangled body of a man identified by Sheriff Fred Patton as Melvin Gilstrap, aged 45, was found on the Bureau Railroad tracks near Van Buren after a machine struck something on the road. McKenzie got out of his car and saw a wildcat limping off the highway. He hurled his hunting knife at the animal.

The bobcat toppled over dead. The knife had pierced its heart.

Circumstantial Evidence

San Diego, Calif.—The Marine Corps proud claim to physical ruggedness carried fresh stamp of authority today.

A recruit at the training base, Private Robert L. Bolen of Laurens, Iowa, was national 4-H club health champion in 1940.

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# SOCIETY

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## Social Calendar

**Monday, September 7th**  
The Wesleyan Guild of the First Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. L. W. Armstrong, 7:45 o'clock. Mrs. Thompson Evans, Jr., will be co-hostess for the meeting.

**Circle No. 2 of the Women's Society of Christian Service** will have a picnic meeting at the Fair Park, 4 o'clock. In case of rain the group will assemble at the church recreational rooms.

The Alma Kyler circle of the W. O. C. home of Mrs. C. W. Darwin on the Washington highway, 4 o'clock.

**Circle No. 1 of the W. S. C. S.** of the First Methodist church, Mrs. C. V. Nunn and Mrs. E. P. Young, leaders, home of Mrs. Daisy Jones, 4 o'clock.

Partly for pupils of Miss Marie Purkins' kindergarten, 9 a. m.

**Tuesday, September 8th**  
Hopkins Business and Professional Women's club, dinner meeting at the Barlow, 7 o'clock.

The Euzelean class of the First Baptist Sunday School, home of Mrs. Rae Luck, 8 o'clock. Miss Jimmy Miller will be the associate hostess for the monthly business and social meeting of the class. For transportation, members will please call 948.

Mrs. M. M. McCloughan will be hostess to members of the Iris Garden club, 3 o'clock. Mrs. Bill Smith is co-hostess.

W. O. W., Lodge 106, the Woodman hall, 7:30 o'clock. W. O. W. Juniors will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Tressie C. G. Stroud, state manager. Mrs. Norman Stroud will be hostess.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Winsome class of the First Baptist Sunday School has been indefinitely postponed.

## For Red Cross Workers

Each Tuesday evening of the month the Surgical Dressings class of the Red Cross production unit will open from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. with Mrs. W. V. Foster in charge of the group.

Although the calendar is incomplete the following have asked to assist in making surgical dressings:

First Tuesday of the month, the United Daughters of the Confederacy; second Tuesday, September 8, members of the Garden clubs and any interested persons in the city; third Tuesday, the Business Women's Circle of the First Presbyterian church; fourth Tuesday, the Hope chapter of Business and Professional Women's club; fifth Tuesday, another open night.

Again volunteer workers are requested to wear light colored or white wash dresses and white head covering. Wearing of nail polish or jewelry will not be permitted.

## Coming and Going

Miss Mary Della Carrigan returned to Little Rock Sunday afternoon to resume her position as a member of the faculty of the Little Rock schools after a pleasant summer spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Carrigan.

Mrs. Frank Hearne and daughter, Mary Jane, and Mrs. Alene Johnson have returned from New Orleans, where they were guests of A. and M. Grey Shupp at Jackson Barracks for a week.

Accompanied by Mrs. W. G. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Max Cox are home from an extended stay in Hot Springs. Mrs. Allison spent the past week with them.

Mrs. Bulah Hays of Little Rock was the week-end guest of her

daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Spencer, and Mr. Spencer.

Bill Routon departed for Henderson State Teachers' College, Arkadelphia, Sunday. He'll be a freshman this year.

Mrs. R. R. Forster and son, "Ricky," of Shreveport have arrived for a week's visit in the L. W. Young home.

Mrs. Thomas Boyett was down from Little Rock to visit relatives during the week-end.

Mrs. Anna Judson is home from a visit with relatives in Magnolia.

Miss Joy Gamble will be among the Hope students attending Henderson State Teachers' College this year. She left yesterday for Arkadelphia.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hamill have as their guest this week, the Rev. Davis Burris of Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laseter and daughter, Betty Jean, were here from Little Rock to visit relatives this week-end.

After a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner in Shreveport, Mrs. J. W. Turner has returned to her home in the city.

Private William W. Biddle has returned to Fort Leonard Wood after bringing his wife home to Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenney McKee and daughter, Brenda, of Garland City, are visitors in the city.

Mrs. Nulton Wylie, who has been visiting Pvt. Wylie at Camp Robinson, has returned home.

Miss Francille Greer of Springfield, La., was the house guest of Miss Elizabeth Wiggins the past week-end.

## Irish Finally Lets 'Em Know

By GEORGE TUCKER

New York—Camp Smith at Peekskill, New York, is where regimental headquarters of the New York Guard received their field training this summer. When the 69th regiment arrived in camp—a regiment noted for its high number of Irish members—things went smoothly for several days. Finally, the camp paper appeared with the little note at the bottom of one of the columns: "We haven't seen a single Irishman in the 69th yet."

Presently a mob began to form and, so they say, you could hear the angry buzz of Irish sons as they mapped out a plan for the day and then headed in the direction of the press room.

They arrived. They invaded the press room and laid hands on the man who had written that line.

"So you haven't seen any Irish in the 69th, eh, Bud. Well, come with us and you'll see all the Irish you ever want to see."

They took him out, and crossed the camp to the far side of the rifle range.

They ordered him to take down his pants.

They produced a can of green paint.

On his backside they painted, in vivid green, this token: "69th."

Then they photographed it, for the record.

They marched gaily back to camp to the tune of "The Wearing of the Green."

Bob Hawk, radio's question-asker was in a box at Ebbets Field watching the Dodgers win one when a foul swished by his head at terrific speed and bounced into an empty seat.

"Wow," commented Bob, "another quarter inch and Hawk would have been a dead pigeon."

The Broadway columnist was caught flat-footed with the announcement of Gypsy Rose Lee's romance with the actor Alexander Kirkland. Not a single one of them had any inkling who was going to be Gypsy's success who didn't thrillers has gained as much publicity for her as her striptease dancing on Broadway. Her newest is going to be "Mother Finds a Body," another murder mystery.

**NEW SAENGER**

**— NOW —**

**"Joe Smith American"**

**— STARTS TUES. —**  
Big Double Feature

Hugh Herbert  
Peggy Moran  
Tom Brown  
Guy Kibbee

in  
**"There's One Born Every Minute"**

ALSO  
Joan Crawford

in  
**"A Woman's Face"**

**THE TALK OF THE TOWN**

**GEORGE STEVENS**  
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**WE WAR BONDS**  
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## Pels, Barons Clinch Spots in League Playoff

By The Associated Press

New Orleans and Birmingham have clinched spots in the Southern Association playoff, starting Wednesday, but their positions of third and fourth will be determined in scheduled doubleheaders this Labor Day.

Johnny Riddle's Birmingham Barons knocked Atlanta, the 1941 champions, out of first division and the playoff with a 7-5 decision Sunday while the New Orleans Pels tucked away a first division spot with a 7-4 win over seventh place Chattanooga.

The Barons meet Atlanta in a twin bill at Birmingham today and even though they drop both games, they will finish in fourth .001 percentage point ahead of the Crackers.

Likewise, Birmingham could climb to third by winning, while New Orleans falters in a scheduled doubleheader with Chattanooga.

Only a game separates the Barons and Pels.

In other games yesterday, Vito Tamulis, Nashville, former Brooklyn slunker, reached the 20-game winning mark with a 7-6 victory over Little Rock's 1942 pennant winners. Tamulis drove in three of the Vols' runs with a pair of singles and a double in five times at bat, but had to be rescued by Don Buford in the ninth after allowing 11 hits. The victory broke a 13-game winning streak for Little Rock. A second game was cancelled.

Memphis and Knoxville divided a doubleheader, the Smokies winning the first 6-3 and Memphis the nightcap, 6-2.

Today's games and probable pitchers:

Knoxville (Coffman and Powers) at Memphis (West and McClure). (2).

Chattanooga (unnamed) at New Orleans (Seinsoth and Turbeville). (2).

Atlanta (Lambert and McGowan) at Birmingham (Schultz and Stone). (2-night).

Nashville (unnamed) at Little Rock (Inglekoff and Hawley). (2-night).

## Naval Reserve Open to Negro Workers

Negro men between the ages of 17 and 50 may join the U. S. Naval Reserve as construction workers, with pay ranging from \$36 a month to \$54.

\$36 base pay will be given an additional \$18 a month for dependents. Others may contribute \$22 a month from their pay and the government will add \$28 a month for a wife plus \$12 a month for the first child and \$10 a month for each additional child. Application may be made any time at the Texarkana recruiting station or at Hope postoffice each Tuesday afternoon.

Diesel engines use less fuel than gasoline engines.

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## WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

By RENE RYERSON MART

### BACK TO WORK

#### CHAPTER XV

SHE could pretend to herself—and nearly succeed in believing—that she was doing matter-of-factly an errand that had to be done. Her month's rent on the Arlington apartment was up, and she had to hand over the key.

But her heart wasn't fooled by this elaborate self-justification. It was singing because she was going to see Hank Holliday again very shortly—and maybe a miracle would happen. Maybe, somehow, fate at last smiling on her, would make it possible for her to go on seeing Hank although her truant month was over.

She went into the apartment that had been her home for three happy weeks, and packed her clothes and looked around to see that everything in the apartment was just as it had been when she had rented it. Then she set her bags out in the hall, locked the door, and went down the corridor to Hank Holliday's apartment.

She pressed his doorbell and waited, her blood pounding dizzily in her head. But the door didn't open, and Hank didn't smile at her from the threshold. There was no sound at all from within his apartment.

Enid pressed the bell again with some urgency. The possibility of his not being at home simply hadn't occurred to her. In the silence she heard footsteps shuffling up the back stairs from the basement, and the next moment Jim, the janitor, appeared in the rear of the corridor.

He grinned as he recognized Enid. "Oh, it's you, Miz Sharon. The doctor's not here."

"Oh—" Enid's voice was limp. It meant that she wasn't going to see Hank, at least not tonight, and for a moment she couldn't think beyond the disappointment of that.

Jim came up to her and she handed him the key mechanically. "I'm moving," she explained. "Here's the apartment key. Will you give it to the doctor?"

"He don't be askin' me where you bin this las' week," Jim volunteered cheerfully.

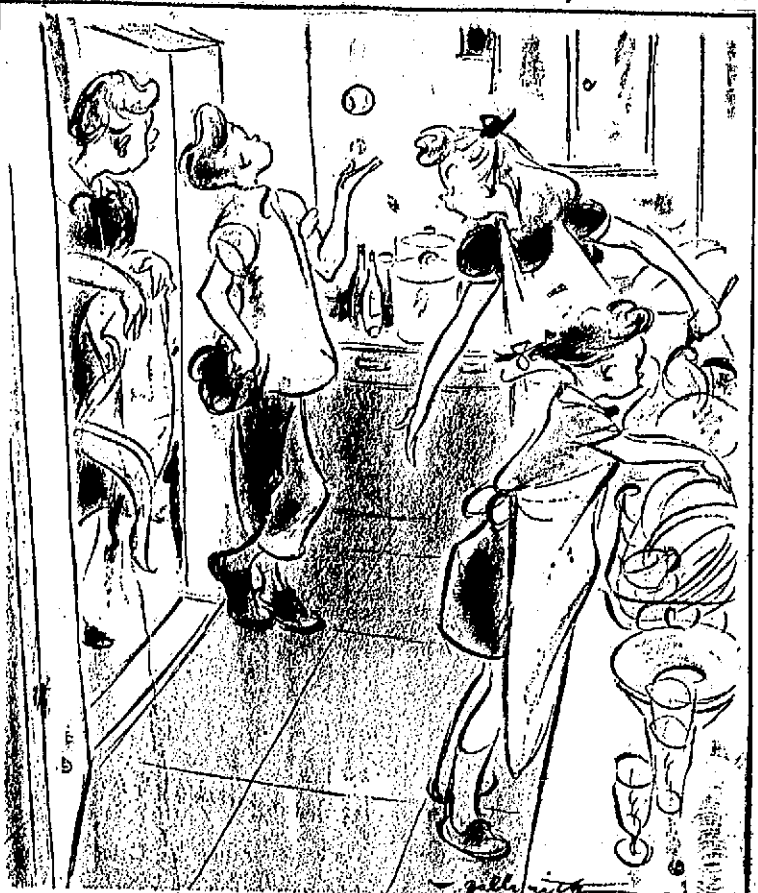
"My father," she said absently. "I've been with them."

"Wait a minute," she said briskly, reaching a decision. She delved in her purse, found a memorandum book, tore out a sheet, and began to write. "I'll leave my new address with you, Jim, in case any mail comes here for me."

It was a lame excuse but better than none. Of course, there wouldn't be any mail for her, she knew that, for none of her friends

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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"It's the same thing every night, Mother—he waits until we get started, then says there's not room for him to work!"

## Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Sept. 7.—Although Al Vanderbilt is a Bos'n's mate in the Navy he hasn't entirely dropped out of racing. Down at his Sagamore farm in Maryland there are 15 yearlings which will campaign in his colors next season.

Well, isn't it a Navy tradition that when a sailor gets a day off he either rents a rowboat or goes horseback riding? ... Coach Denny Myers of Boston college has worked out his own brand of "toughening up." Each player must lug his own equipment to and from the field and after taking their showers they have to pick up the towels and clean up the locker room.

Today's Guest Star

B. M. Atkinson, Jr., Louisville Times: "Last year when a coach was worrying about replacements it meant players. Now it means retreads."

Monday Matinee

Because so many big-time fighters are in the services, the next N.B.A. ratings will include a list of "promising novices."

Boston scribes say the Red Sox' Tony Luperi may develop into another Hank Greenberg—because he's at

ways trying to improve his play and because he doesn't try to hit bad balls—when Chick Harbert shot a 66 in the recent Michigan open golf tournament he had nothing but threes and fours—and it was his third such card this season.

Service Dept.

Coach Tony Hinkle of the Great Lakes Naval Training station football squad isn't satisfied with a backfield of Bruce Smith, Bob Swiger, Rudy Mucha and Pete Kravetz. None of them is a quarterback and he hasn't a signal-caller on the squad.

Lieut. Bobby Nowell, Georgia blocking back in 1940, is in charge of the Fort Riley (Kas.) Platoon in which Joe Louis is a corporal.

Although the Lubbock (Tex.) Army Flying school expects to have a football team, won't get to use two of the school's best players, Tommie Vaughn, 1940 Texas Aggies co-captain, and Pete Layden, who led the Texas Longhorns in upsetting the Aggies that year, can't play because of their duties as aviation cadets.

A Point in Question

Coach Curly Lambeau of the Green Bay Packers likes to tell about the time his club played an exhibition against the St. Louis

## Ex-Card, Mize, Helps Giants Whip Dodgers

By The Associated Press

When the St. Louis Cardinals peddled Johnny Mize to the New York Giants last winter they bid goodbye to the man who might have batted them into the National League pennant, but Long John is helping his former buddies all he can from his present post at the Polo Grounds.

Although the Cards are pretty busy, trying to catch the Brooklyn Dodgers, they should take time out for at least a vote of thanks to Mize and another Giant slugger, Big Babe Young.

Through the courtesy of this pulverizing pair, the Cardinals found themselves only two and a half games behind the league leading Dodgers today, with three weeks of play remaining.

Young smashed a grand slam which rocked the Dodgers in the opener of a three-game series Sunday. The Brooks squared the series by taking the first game of yesterday's doubleheader, 6-2, and were leading in the nightcap, 2-1.

Mize came up with two men on base and poked the ball on the roof of the right field stand to give the Polo grounders the verdict, 4-2.

Another ex-Cardinal, southpaw Tom Sunkel, led the Dodgers to five hits in outpitching Kirby Higbe but it was Lefty Meacham, once a Red Bird himself, who pitched the Dodgers to victory in the opener with a five-hit job.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals kept their threat alive by crushing the Cincinnati Reds, 10-2, as Morrie Cooper hurled seven-hit ball for his 19th triumph of the season. Slaty Marion, Terry Moore and Johnny Hopp led the 11-hit attack on three Redleg moundsmen.

Those were the most important developments in the pennant struggle.

All teams switch opponents for today's full slate of holiday doubleheaders, with Boston promising to slash its share of the excitement.

The Braves, who have needed their two best pitchers, Jim Tobin and Al Javery, for the occasion.

## 'Jarrin John' Leads Victory

Denver, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The second lieutenant said to the major he was sorry, sir, but he just wouldn't be kept out of things, so the western Army All-Stars boasted their first football victory today—10-0 over the Chicago Cardinals.

The second lieutenant, of course, is John Kimbrough, and what he did to the Cardinals yesterday was plenty—two touchdowns, one on a roaring run of 95 yards with a kickoff.

They were a rucful but admiring shadow of a smile on the lean face of Major Wallace Wade, the soldiers' coach. "Kimbrough ought not to have played at all with that sore side of his, but he's a fellow you just can't keep out of the lineup."

Even with the fresh bumps he's picked up, the former All-American fullback from Texas A. and M. will be just as insistent probably about playing against the Detroit Lions Wednesday night at Detroit, where the All-Stars arrive tomorrow morning.

It was a gay glittering football performance and the crowd of 20,000 paid \$39,500, of which \$27,000 goes to Army relief.

Big John had masterful blocking on his long, tough gallop, especially from Pvt. Forrest Ferguson from Florida, who moved down the Cardinal safety 20 yards from home.

## Tennis Stars Parker, Schroeder Meet Today

New York, Sept. 7.—(AP)—One of tennis' favorite Axioms—that no player can win the national championships without having gone through the summer tournament circuit—was in danger of taking a licking at Forest Hills today as Frankie Parker and Ted Schroeder, Jr., met in a five-set struggle for the title.

Pauline Betz of Los Angeles, a senior at Rollins college in Florida, already held the Women's championship, having defeated Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, the favorite, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, in yesterday's final before 8,000 surprised fans.

Parker was the one gunning for the axiom in the match. Busy with his new movie job on the west coast, the 27-year-old star passed up all the tournaments until he came east for the big event.

There were a surprising number who expected Parker to eat up Schroeder alive today in five preliminary victories, including his semi-final win over Pancho Segura, top-seeded foreigner, Parker lost only one set and 28 games.

Billy Talbot of Cincinnati, paired with Lieut. Edmund Mulloy to win the men's doubles title. They defeated Schroeder and Sidney Wood, Jr., 9-7, 7-5, 6-1, in yesterday's final.

## Sports Mirror

By The Associated Press  
Today's Year Ago—Dodgers defeated Giants twice before Cardinals split with Reds and the St. Louis nine fell three games behind Brooklyn.

Three Years Ago—New York pro football Giants defeated college All Stars, 10 to 0, before 38,667 spectators.

Five Years Ago—Despite war with China, Japanese visited \$1,250,000 to help hold Olympic games at Tokyo in 1940.

gunners. After a touchdown Don Hutson dropped back to boot the extra point but the referee ruled he had missed. The Packers squawked and the Ref asked who kicked the ball. "Hutson," some one told him. "You get the point," the official decided. "If Hutson kicked it, it went over."

## 20 Jobs Are Open to Union Plumbers

There is urgent need for 20 union plumbers, limited to white men of good ability, the U. S. Employment Service, Second and Walnut streets, announced today. Average pay is \$21 per day with overtime. Workers can affiliate at the job, the initial fee being \$100, with \$20 down payment, the announcement said.

## Buy Bond, Get Name on Plane

Inglewood, Calif., Sept. 7.—War Bonds purchased throughout the United States today were responding in growing number to the announcement by North American Aviation that they could "auto-graph" a B-25 bomber, J. H. Kindelberger, company president, revealed.

Requests that "my name be written on a bomber that'll fly over Berlin or Tokyo" were contained in thousands of letters, telegrams and postcards listing the serial number of bonds purchased by the writers.

Overwhelming is the response, Kindelberger said, that the autographs will be printed on scrolls which are to be placed in the bombers before they are delivered to the armed forces of the United Nations.

The scrolls will carry the following message addressed to the crew: "Signifying their patriotic desire to ride in spirit with you in this North American B-25 bomber, these Americans have given us the serial numbers of War Bonds they have purchased, and have requested that their names accompany the crew on every mission. Wherever your duties take you in the B-25 bomber, let these names be a token that the Americans for whom you are fighting wish you good hunting and happy landings, and are doing their utmost to 'Keep 'em Flying.'"

By fast mail train, completed V-Mail is then sent to recipients, who get 4-by-5½ inch envelopes of desire to ride in spirit with you in this North American B-25 bomber.

Mainlanders corresponding with men afloat or afield may obtain V-Mail blanks from any post office. Full instructions appear on each form. Letters are sent to the nearest V-Mail center for forwarding by air to the soldier, sailor or marine concerned. Again, days are saved, and valuable airplane space is conserved for vital war goods.

It was urged that service users of V-Mail request their correspondence to take advantage of this fast system. V-Mail now goes to the soldier on duty in Australia—and in intermediate island bases.

## Surplus Food Distributed

A total of 18,114½ pounds of surplus food commodities, valued at \$1,509.49, was distributed in Hempstead county by the State Department of Public Works during July. It was announced today in a letter from the department to County Judge Fred A. Luck.

The distribution helped 787 children in eight schools.

Commodities and the quantities in which they were distributed follow:

Commodity	Pounds	Estimated Value
Corn Grits	1,000	\$100.00
Corn Meal	1,000	41.00
Graham Flour	1,000½	110.50
White Flour	2,058	109.07
Oranges	468.20	46.82
Cheese	152	54.72
Onions	1,000	64.00
Prunes	3,500	462.00
Beans	1,000	102.00
	18,114½	\$1,509.49

## Yesterday's Stars

By The Associated Press  
Max Macon, Dodgers, and Tom Sunkel and Johnny Mize, Giants—Macon stopped Giants with five-hit pitching in first game, while Sunkel tossed five-hitter in nightcap.

Joe DiMaggio, a Gordon, Phil Rizzuto and Roy Cullenbine, Yankees—set stiff batting pace in a double victory over Senators, collecting 20 hits among them and driving in total of 13 runs.

Frank Gornicki and Luke Hamlin, Pirates—pitched double shutout over Cubs on four and seven hits, respectively.

George Caster, Browns, and Les Fleming, Indians—Caster checked tribe in relief and scored winning run of first game; Fleming hit two-run homer to start team on way to victory in second.

Tom Early and Manny Alou, Braves—pitched double victory over Phils and Barley started triple play.

Johnny Peacock and Ted Williams, Red Sox—Peacock drove in four runs with three hits, including base-clearing triple, and Williams snapped tie with eighth inning homer.

Mort Cooper, Cardinals—held Reds to seven hits in notching his 19th triumph.

Tommy Bridges, Tigers—pitched five-hit shutout against White Sox.

## EDITOR WINS APPOINTMENT

Little Rock, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Miss Marguerite Gilstrap of Fayetteville since 1937 editor of the University of Arkansas alumni publications, has been appointed assistant information specialist for the F.S.A., the agency announced today.

## V-Mail Urged for Abroad

New Orleans, Sept. 7.—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commanding Chief of the Pacific Fleet, has issued an appeal to families of service personnel to use the new, fast V-Mail system for correspondence from the Mainland to forces afloat and afield.

Pacific Fleet V-Mail authorities pointed out that speed, privacy and economy should make use of this microfilm service attractive to the armed forces.

Whereas regular airmail from the Hawaiian area to Pacific Coast points often takes many days—even going by convey men mails are usually congested—V-Mail takes same cities averages only four days. V-Mail for East Coast points takes only six days from the time of posting system for correspondence from the Mainland to forces afloat and afield.

In the Fleet,



## Navy Training Lots of Work

By HERMAN ALLEN  
Norfolk, Va. (AP) — Along about the middle of the fishcake I gave up. "I know how you feel," said the commissary officer.

"I swear I don't know where those kids put it. They'll eat a fishcake, go back for seconds as long as they last, and then go over to the ship's stores and eat a piece of pie with ice cream on it."

The outdoor life that young sailors live at the Norfolk Naval Training Station is well calculated, however, to build an appetite that would make Paul Bunyan look like a dilettante.

The scene of the Allen vs. Fishcake encounter was Unit "11" Mess Hall where Navy cooks feed hungry young Americans at the rate of 8,000 an hour. They have timed a typical hungry young American and figure that it takes him between 19 and 20 minutes from the time he enters the hall until he leaves it after disposing of such a noon-day meal as:

Large bowl of vegetable soup. Grilled fishcake about an inch thick. Enormous ladle-full of spaghetti.

Combination salad, a big helping of corn on the cob. Bread and butter.

Piece of fudge cake of a size that defies description. Lemonade.

Routine For Recruits. And believe me, mother, if you want to keep your boy at home when he gets out of the Navy, you'd do well to find out how the Navy makes fudge cake.

"Take my word for it, the Navy keeps the lads as happy as plenty of good food, athletics, movies and really exciting work under 'good guy' officers can make them."

A busload of recruits was coming in the afternoon to visit the station. Bewildered but eager-looking, they filed into Detention Unit "X," in a straggling double column. First thing after their

## Arkansas Appears Ready for Wild, Woolly Football Season

Wide World Features  
Dallas—The University of Texas was an overwhelming favorite to win the Southwest Conference football championship last year — and didn't.

There were plenty of critics who said at the finish that the Longhorns should have won. They beat the team that did win the title—the Texas Aggies—but percentage got them. The Aggies edged through by the margin of half a game.

And now these two outfits are coming to the barrier again ready to even in most quarters to battle it out for the title.

The conference race looks evenly-balanced. Texas lost the entire first team that for a time was rated the greatest in the circuit's history. And M. comes up minus its fine back, Derace Moore, and without a starter at tackle. Rice is considered the dark horse.

So, unafraid but rubbing a rabbit's foot, we pick them to finish like this: 1. Texas; 2. Texas A. and M.; 3. Rice; 4. Texas Christian; 5. Southern Methodist; 6. Arkansas; 7. Baylor.

Here are the prospects in seven nutshell:

Texas—Twenty lettermen return, seven of them back and with the line position two deep except at guard. Max Minor, Walton Roberts, Lewis Wayne and Roy McKay head the backfield but a sophomore, Raymond Jones, can do everything and seems the logical man to fill in for both Pete Leaden, last year's mighty fullback, and Jack Crain, the elusive runner.

Texas A. and M.—Thirteen lettermen are back. Leo Daniels, passing, running and punting star who is being picked as the year's greatest back, heads the line. Behind the line, including an accurate goal-kicker in Jake Webster and a fine blocking back in Willie Zapala. Bill Sibley, all-conference center, and Bill Henderson, great pass-catcher, head the line.

Rice—A dozen lettermen, including a veteran line and two of the finest backs in the conference in Dickson and Dick Dwell, passer and runner, make the Owls feared by every team in the loop. Some say Rice is the team to beat, but Coach Jess Neely claims that he has only two proven backs.

Texas Christian—The Horned Frogs at the close of last season were boomed as probable champions in 1942 but Coach Champ Meyer has suffered some staggering losses, including Frank Meder, a hard-running back, and Fred Taylor, star end. However, Meyer still can field a fine team.

Shaw's offense built around Van Hall, speedy passing man, the line is led by all-conference Derrell Palmer, tackle, and Bruce Alford, end.

Southern Methodist—Coach Jack Stewart comes up with eleven lettermen but a fellow like Preston Johnston, a great punter and runner, is hard to replace. S.M.U. could be sensational if certain sophomores lived up to expectations, including one Wayne (Red) Shattuck, a left-handed passer who brought in a touchdown in the spring drills. The Mustang line appears to be one of the best in S.M.U. history.

Arkansas—Rumblings have been heard from the Ozarks this year out of the season. Sixteen lettermen, including Robert (Chick) Forte, triple-threat athlete, and Jones boys—Meredith and David Paul—two fine passers, indicate Coach Fred Thomsen will have the team he likes: a good running game and the ability to fling the ball thither and yon. The Ark-

papers had been received, they were issued soap, towel and change of underwear. After their shower, plenty welcome after their long, sticky ride from a supper. At 6:30 p.m. they were issued bedding, and at 8:00 it was "Taps."

Unit "X" is where recruits are quarantined for three weeks. Here they pass on some disease like mumps or measles. Here they get their shots for smallpox, yellow fever, typhoid and tetanus; draw their equipment and learn how to take care of Navy life and learn the fundamen-

Lieutenant W. G. Allen, commanding officer of Unit "X," led me to a large room filled with mats and horizontal bars. "Tomorrow," he said, "these new men will get their strength tests. Those who pass will be put into the 'OK' platoon; the others into the 'athletic platoon' for building-up exercises."

After that they will have an interview with a psychiatrist and a complete medical and dental inspection. Not until then will they be mustered into platoons and given their clothing.

For three weeks the recruit can't leave the confines of Unit "X." But the time passes quickly. A special movie theater, library and athletic field inside the barracks are available to any other unit for their last three weeks of training—elements of seamanship and use of ra-

They also take tests to see whether they are qualified for any of the Navy's trade schools. It all leads up to that last day of training—when the commanding officer reviews the class, the outstanding platoon is presented with the Red Rooster flag, the outstanding recruit in each platoon is designated as honor man, and the whole class takes nine days leave in that new uniform.

Returning from leave, some of the boys are assigned to sea duty or duty at one of the shore stations. Others begin work at one of the trade schools. With an officer, I visited several of the schools.

At the Communications School we saw rooms full of intent young men taking down code messages as they were flashed on a blinker or buzzer through a telephone system. Out in the yard we saw more young men waving the flags of the semaphore code and hoisting the bright flags and pennants of the international code. Navy signalmen have to know all the codes," the officer explained.

ansas line looks like one of the best.

Baylor—The Bears have lost heavily to the armed services, including Jack Russell, a fine end, but come back with Kit Kirtvel, the passing sophomore of 1941 who pitched Baylor to a tie with mighty Texas, and Milton Crain, looked upon as the outstanding fullback in the conference. The line, however, does not appear extra strong.

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attention," he said, "the fact that neither of these two essential pieces of legislation has as yet been enacted into law. That delay has now reached the point of danger to our whole economy."

On the points not requiring congressional action, he said the administration was proceeding with executive action, such as fixing of ceilings and holding down of rentals.

But he declared that the entire effort to hold the cost of living at its current level "being sapped and undermined by further increases in farm prices and in wages, and by an ever continuing rise in prices resulting from the rising purchasing power of our people."

Annual wage and salary disbursements increased 71 per cent from 1939 to 1942, totaling now an estimated \$75,000,000,000, he asserted. The wage and salary bill has been rising by more than a billion dollars a month, he said.

Pointing to the necessity of stabilizing farm prices, Mr. Roosevelt said it was impossible to stabilize the cost of living without this primary step. The laborer can not be expected to get along at a fixed wage level, he continued, if everything he wears and eats begins to go up drastically in price.

On the other hand, he asserted, it is impossible to keep any prices stable in terms of farm prices, if wage rates continue to increase since they are one of the most important elements in production costs.

Even with the stabilization of all prices and wages, the president said, the purchasing power of the country would continue to increase an upward pressure on living costs.

He asserted that war made sacrifice a privilege and that workers, farmers, white collar people and businessmen would have to sacrifice in terms of what they had become accustomed.

The president cited numerous statistics to support his argument for prompt action to curb the inflation. He said that the cost of living had risen 25 per cent since 1939, and that the net income of an individual after he had paid his taxes.

He also called for taxation to recapture all wartime profits which are not necessary to maintain efficient all-out production.

As part of a general program for adjusting farm prices, the president recommended that congress consider in "due time" the advisability of legislation placing a floor on farm prices so as to maintain stability in the farm market for a reasonable future.

A practical method should be worked out, he said, which will not only impose a ceiling on prices of farm commodities, but also will permit the farmer to the farmer of a fair minimum price for his product for a year, two years or whatever period is necessary after the end of the war.

While calling for stabilization of the earnings of American workers, Mr. Roosevelt said it still was the government's policy to encourage free collective bargaining between employers and employees.

But in times of danger to our economy, he said, the government must see to it that the processes of collective bargaining, arbitration and conciliation are not allowed to upset the balances between different economic factors.

If the cost of living goes up as fast it threatens to do in the immediate future, Mr. Roosevelt declared, it will be unjust, in fact impossible, to pay workers raises in wages which would mean at least a part of that increase.

The cost of wage earners' food has been rising 1.4 per cent each week since price ceilings were imposed on some commodities last May, Mr. Roosevelt reported.

A continuation of this trend would mean food costs by next May would be up more than 15 per cent.

This drastic increase has been caused, he said, chiefly by the fact that a number of foods are exempted under existing law from the imposition of ceiling. The movement upward of uncontrolled food prices since May has been so drastic, the chief executive asserted, that it constitutes an immediate threat to the whole price structure, to the entire cost of living and to any attempt to stabilize wages.

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## 'Bubba' Smart Leads Oil Belt Tourney

El Dorado, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Richard "Bubba" Smart of Pine Bluff, apparently back in form after some disappointing work earlier in the year, was gunning today for the oil belt golf championship.

Smart won medalist honors and then progressed Sunday to the semi-final round in which he was matched today against Paul Denson, another Pine Bluffian and former oil belt title.

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## Indians Have Another Hero

By JOHN GROVER  
(For Jack Stinnett On Vacation)  
Washington—Mohandas Gandhi's personal popularity in this capital is so low he'd have to climb himself to touch bottom, but his influence has brought out one of the most interesting personalities to hit town in a dog's age.

Sirdar J. J. Singh is an Indian textile importer who has lived 17 years in New York. He's president of the India League of America and an ex-member of Gandhi's movement.

Dramatically handsome and built like a varsity tackle, he's visibly affected when he talks of his homeland.

Singh came here to plead for American aid in settlement of the Indian crisis. He's admittedly secured stiff of consequences if Japan succeeds in grabbing India. Incidentally, he's the first to champion Jawaharlal Nehru and Gandhi here, and he makes some telling points in asking for understanding.

"Japan, Singh reports, has made great headway in India with propaganda deriding the Churchill-Roosevelt 'four freedoms.' Japan has cleverly harped on the theme that the four freedoms are only for white men in Anglo-British minds, and that India will never be freed by Britain."

Failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission appeared to give point to the Jap claims, and a wave of "So what?" sentiment swept India after Cripps returned home.

"The cobblers, the peasant, the little shopkeeper—they do not see how fatal a Jap victory would be," Singh says passionately.

They only see that another hope of independence is smashed. So they say, 'Why fight for freedom we haven't got.'"

Joining of Gandhi and Nehru plays into the Japs hands, Singh contends, and they are the only Indian leaders who could counteract Jap propaganda that they can't do it from jail. Singh explained the Gandhi-Nehru demands on Britain as blackmail but as a move forced by the Indian masses. Jap agents would have claimed they were "selling out" to the British if they not demanded immediate action.

Singh bitterly assails any suggestion that Gandhi and Nehru are pro-Axis. "They are inviolably democratic," he says, and points to Nehru's record as the first world leader to denounce the war in Abyssinia and the fascist attack on Spain in support of his claims. In contrast, he points out that L. S. Amery, British secretary for India, defended the Jap invasion of Manchuria in the House of Commons in 1931.

Singh brought with him a plan for the U. S. State Department which he says Gandhi would accept. It's simple. First, a gentleman's agreement that the veto power of the Indian viceroy will not be used during the war. Second, a guarantee of Indian freedom after the war.

Third, replacement of the present government council by an interim government of 15 members, five to be Indian Muslims, five to be Indian Nationalists and five to be named by the viceroy.

"America should insist on a settlement of the Indian crisis," Singh says. "America has a big key in it. If India is allowed to be divided by default because her people have nothing to fight for, American boys now playing in the streets will grow up to find the country still fighting Japan."

His plans? "I want to get back to my carrier and get another plane."

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